

**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, line 14, please replace the section heading --Prior art-- with the following section heading:

-- Background of the Invention --

On page 2, line 26, please replace the section heading --Overview of the invention-- with -- Summary of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention overcomes the disadvantages and shortcomings discussed above by providing a The profiled rail is designed for a suspension device having carriers which can be plugged into the profiled rail and on which articles can be suspended or set down. The profiled rail is intended for fastening horizontally on a carrying structure and has a passage which extends into the profiled rail, in principle horizontally, from a front entry point. Arranged within the profiled rail is a conductor rail with current conductors which is supplied with electricity via a power supply. The current conductors are accessible from the passage for the purpose of tapping electricity for supplying a consuming unit which can be connected via a feed line. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~-- The following features concern specific configuration of the profiled rail:~~

The conductor rail comprises an insulating profile and current conductors which are accommodated in wire channels and can be tapped via access points ~~at least more or less~~ substantially over the entire axial extent of the current conductors and in ~~at least largely~~ a substantially uninterrupted manner. The conductor rail is arranged in a current-conducting groove which extends from the passage. The insulating profile of the conductor rail has outer contours which fit into complementary inner contours of the current-conducting grooves. The current-conducting groove is arranged, remote from the entry point, in the depth of the passage ~~and, in principle, and substantially~~ perpendicularly to the latter. The access points open, ~~in principle, substantially~~ perpendicularly to the passage. The insulating profile has ~~an~~ a substantially M-shaped cross section ~~in principle~~. The two access points are each located at the bottom within the side legs of the M-shaped cross section. The wire channels with the current conductors provided therein are each located at the top within the side legs, in the profile tips. The current conductors can be tapped by an adapter which can be pushed into the passage. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Brief description of the attached drawings

~~In the drawings:~~ For a more complete understanding of the present invention, reference is made to the following detailed description of the exemplary

embodiments considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which: --

Starting on page 5, line 23, please replace the paragraphs describing Figures 1A-9 with the following amended paragraphs describing the same:

-- Figure 1A: ~~shows~~ is a perspective view of a profiled rail according to the present invention;

Figure 1B: ~~shows the illustration~~ is a side sectional view of the profiled rail according to Figure 1A; ~~this time in vertical section;~~

Figure 1C: ~~shows~~ is a perspective view of a separate conductor rail from the profiled rail according to Figure 1A;

Figure 1D: ~~shows the illustration~~ is a cross-sectional view of the conductor rail according to Figure 1C; ~~this time in cross section;~~

Figure 2A: ~~shows~~ is a perspective view of the profiled rail according to Figure 1A with a cutout for the power supply and a panel attached;

Figure 2B: ~~shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 2A with a connection terminal inserted;

Figure 2C: ~~shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 2B with a plug coupling ~~separated;~~ shown exploded from the profiled rail;

Figure 2D: ~~shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 2C with the plug coupling connected;

Figure 3A:—~~shows~~ is a perspective view of an adapter in the ~~locked, connected position;~~ locked, connected position;

Figure 3B:—~~shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 3A in which the adapter is shown without a cover;

Figure 3C:—~~shows~~ is a partial view showing a separate rotary knob with pin and contacts ~~from~~ according to Figure 3B;

Figure 3D:—~~shows~~ is a perspective view of the adapter according to Figure 3A in the ~~unlocked, disconnected position;~~ unlocked, disconnected position;

Figure 3E:—~~shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 3D in which the adapter is shown without the cover;

Figure 3F:—~~shows the~~ is a partial view showing a separate rotary knob with pin and contacts from Figure 3E;

Figure 4:—~~shows~~ is a perspective view of a modified adapter according to Figure 3A in the ~~unlocked, disconnected position;~~ locked, connected position, without a plate groove in the housing;

Figure 5A:—~~shows, in detail form,~~ is a partial perspective view of the adapter according to Figure 4 inserted into the profiled rail according to Figure 1A, with a panel attached;

Figure 5B:—~~shows the lateral overall~~ is a right side view of the illustration adapter and profiled rail assembly according to Figure 5A;

~~Figure 5C:—shows the illustration according to Figure 45A in section along line E-E;~~

~~Figure 6A:—shows~~ is a top perspective view of the adapter according to Figure 3A  
inserted into a shelf:

~~Figure 6B:—shows, in the form of an enlarged~~ is a detail, the illustration view of the  
adapter according to Figure 6A, the adapter having no cover;

~~Figure 6C:—shows, in the form of an enlarged~~ is a detail, the illustration view of the  
adapter according to Figure 6B, the adapter having the cover attached;

~~Figure 7A:—shows a different~~ is a bottom perspective view of the adapter and shelf  
~~illustration~~ according to Figure 6A with a luminaire fitted beneath the shelf;

~~Figure 7B:—shows, in the form of an enlarged~~ is a detail, the illustration view of the  
adapter and shelf according to Figure 7A ~~with the adapter;~~

~~Figure 8A:—shows, in a vertical section,~~ is a sectional view of the shelf with the  
adapter according to Figure 6A inserted into a the profiled rail according to  
the Figure 1A and in the ~~unlocked, disconnected position;~~ unlocked,  
disconnected position;

~~Figure 8B:—shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 8A, this time  
with the adapter in the ~~locked, connection position;~~ locked, connected  
position;

~~Figure 8C:—shows the illustration according~~ is a view similar to Figure 8B in completed

~~form with~~ also showing the power supply, the luminaire and the panel attached; and

Figure 9: ~~shows, in vertical section, a~~ is a sectional view of the profiled rail according the Figure 1A with a panel attached and a carrying arm plugged in. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The profile rail **1**, furthermore, has:

- a) a supporting strut **14** which extends from the bottom strut **12**, opens out into the bottom extension **113** and encloses a cavity **114** with the bottom strut **12**;
- b) on the top strut **13**, a downwardly extending tongue **130** with a tongue groove **131** located alongside it;
- c) on the bottom strut **12**, a downwardly extending tongue **120** with a tongue groove **121** located alongside it;
- d) in each case one screw-connection channel **115,111** in the region of a supporting strut **14** extends from the bottom strut **12** and in the region where the top strut **13** opens out into the base plate **11**;
- e) on the top extension **110**, a notched line **112**, preferably on both sides, has a marking;

- f) the tongue strips **120,130** are intended for being accommodated in tongue grooves **920** which are present in the edges of ~~attached panels **9**~~; carrying structure **9**;
- g) the notched lines **112** serve as an orientation means for screw holes which may optionally be provided, and can be utilized in order for the construction comprising the carrying structure **9** with one or more profiled rails **1** introduced to be fastened directly or indirectly on a part of a building.--